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- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Acupuncture” means a form of health care based on East Asian medical theories of energetic physiology that describe the interrelationship of the body organs and functions.
- (c) “Auricular detoxification” means an acupuncture technique involving the needling of the external auricle of the human ear for the purpose of assisting a person who is undergoing detoxification to remove addictive substances from the body and restoring health.
- (d) “Board” means the State Acupuncture Board.
- (e) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued by the Board to practice acupuncture.
- (f)
  - (1) “Practice acupuncture” means the use of East Asian medical therapies for the purpose of normalizing energetic physiological functions including pain control, and for the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health.
  - (2) “Practice acupuncture” includes:
    - (i) Stimulation of the body by the insertion of needles;
    - (ii) The application of moxibustion; and
    - (iii) Manual, mechanical, thermal, electrical, or other East Asian medical therapies only when performed in accordance with the principles of East Asian medical theories and practices.
- (g) “Supervision” means:
  - (1) A formalized professional relationship between a licensed acupuncturist and an individual performing auricular detoxification that provides evaluation and direction of the individual to adequately ensure the safety and welfare of clients during the course of treatment; and
  - (2) As defined by the Board in regulations:

(i) Periodic direct supervision where the licensed acupuncturist is present or on-site during treatment; and

(ii) General supervision where the licensed acupuncturist is neither present nor on-site during treatment.

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